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2. "The sentenced soldiers lived in the vicinity of the airfield in wooden huts. They were about 45 men brought from different garrisons in the labor camp. They worked from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM with half an hour off for lunch. Their main job was the levelling down of the grounds for the new field. While working they were under the constant guard of eight soldiers, but they managed to work slowly and tried to sabotage the project as much as possible.
3. "The wooden huts in which they lived were fenced in by a double-barbed wire fence three meters high. The outer part of it was charged with electricity, and during the night the spotlight standing at each corner of the fence were turned on, lighting up all the area nearby.
4. "The military airfield at Pardubice ~~is not a training center for flying officers~~ and other ranks. There are about 450 fliers under training there, 150 of them are officers' cadets. Although the Communists claim that there are no differences between officers and other ranks in a people's army, there are three separate messes on the airfield, one for officers, one for officers' cadets, and one for other ranks.
5. "The flying cadet officers wear blue uniforms, the gold stripes on their left sleeve show the number of years they have been in the service.
6. "The airfield is equipped with modern devices for guiding by radar blind flying and landing. Two-engined Siebel aircraft for 8 to 12 men are used for the training of bomber crews, while two-seat Czechoslovak fighters and German Messerschmidts are used for the training of fighter pilots. English Spitfires are at the disposal of officers and NCOs only!
7. "The number of casualties and emergency landing outside the airfield is rather high since preliminary training and theoretical courses are short. The main emphasis is put on practical training in flying in accordance with the Soviet system for training flyers."

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